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E.O. 11652 GDS
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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND.

1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT JOHN HANNAH (ASSISTANT
SECRETARY GENERAL OF 1974 WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND NOW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL) HAS RECENTLY
VISITED, OR CONTACTED REPRESENTATIVES OF, YOUR HOST GOVERN-
MENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATION OF
"INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS" MAY 5 AND 6 IN GENEVA TO EX-
PLORE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOP-
MENT FUND RECOMMENDED BY WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC).
POSTS ARE REQUESTED DISCREETLY TO DETERMINE HOST GOVERN-
MENT VIEWS ON AGRICULTURAL FUND AND LIKELIHOOD OF PARTIC-
IPATION IN GENEVA CONSULTATION AND REPORT ASAP.

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2. FYI. WFC RESOLUTION ON FUND WAS ORIGINATED BY NUMBER OF OPEC COUNTRIES IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FOR AT LEAST GESTURE BY POTENTIAL DONORS TOWARD SUPPLYING LARGE ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT NEEDS FORESEEN BY WFC. IN SPONSORING RESOLUTION, SOME OIL EXPORTERS(PARTICULARLY KUWAIT) INDICATED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE MADE ONLY ON SOME MATCHING BASIS BETWEEN NEW AND TRADITIONAL DONORS.

3. US POSITION AT WFC WAS THAT IT DID NOT OPPOSE A NEW

FUND BUT NEITHER DID IT CONSIDER ONE NECESSARY. WHILE ENDEAVORING TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALITY ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURE (AS IT HAS), US WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK BILATERALLY AND THROUGH EXISTING MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS. THIS POSITION HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED SINCE WFC.

4. WE ANTICIPATE APPEAL BY HANNAH AT HIGH LEVEL FOR USG PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONSULTATION. INFORMATION REQUESTED WILL BE HELPFUL IN FORMULATING RESPONSE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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